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JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Created in 2002 by the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us—individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits—can work together to increase the number of mentors to assure positive outcomes for our young people.

This national partnership has now expanded to include the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the United Way Worldwide.

NMM celebrates mentoring and the positive effect it can have on young lives. Its goals are to:

Raise awareness of mentoring in its various forms.

- Recruit individuals to mentor, especially in programs that have

waiting lists of young people.

- Promote the rapid growth of mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring.

Each year since its launch, NMM has enjoyed the strong support of the U.S. President and members of Congress.

The declaration of January as National Mentoring Month has been endorsed by both chambers of the United States Congress. The campaign's media partners have included ABC, CBS, Fox News, and NBC; Comcast; the National Association of Broadcasters; Time Warner; and Viacom.

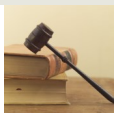
Participants in the National Mentoring Month campaign include leading nonprofit organizations and numerous governors and mayors. Designated nonprofit and governmental agencies are responsible for coordinating local campaign activities in communities across the country, including media outreach and volunteer

recruitment. Local lead partners include state and local affiliates of MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, Corporation for National and Community Service, Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, America's Promise, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Communities in Schools, and United Way of America.

A highlight of the campaign is Thank Your Mentor Day, in which Americans thank and honor their mentors. People are encouraged to contact their mentors directly to express appreciation, become a mentor in their own community, make a financial contribution to a local mentoring program, or post a tribute on WhoMentoredYou.org.

Consider being a mentor today.





The City Council has introduced the following legislations in the month of November:

Ordinance O-14-09 An Ordinance FOR the purpose of approving a Memorandum of Understanding between The City of Seat Pleasant and Prince George's County, Maryland and authorizing the City Administrator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Jurisdictional Police Services on behalf of The City of Seat Pleasant. The Ordinance was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Resolution R-14-09 FOR the purpose of declaring the month of November as Municipal Government month. The Resolution was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Copies of legislation are available from the Office of the City Clerk at:

City Hall
6301 Addison Road
Seat Pleasant,
Maryland 20743-2125

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Mayor and City Council will meet on the following days in

the months of January, February and March 2014:

**Monday,
January 6, 2014
Regular Work
Session
Time: 6:00p.m.**

**Monday,
January 13, 2014
Public Session
Time: 7:00p.m.**

**Monday,
February 3, 2014
Regular Work
Session
Time: 6:00p.m.**

**Monday,
February 10, 2014
Public Session
Time: 7:00p.m.**

**Monday,
March 3, 2014
Regular Work
Session
Time: 6:00p.m.**

**Monday,
March 10, 2014
Public Session
Time: 7:00p.m.**

The meetings will be held at:

Seat Pleasant City Hall
Council Chambers
6301 Addison Road

If you desire to speak before the Council at the Public Session, please contact the City Clerk to register your concerns before the meeting.

SEAT PLEASANT VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

The Board of Supervisors of Election would like to update the Voter Registration List for the City of Seat Pleasant. The Board is requesting that **ALL** residents of the City assist them in this process by taking the following steps:

1. If you have a family member that is DECEASED, please send a letter to the Board of Election informing them of this information. You will need to identify yourself in the letter. The letter should state the name of the person that is deceased that may be listed as an active voter.
2. If you reside in a property and you continue to receive mail for the previous resident, please return the mail to the post office. Addressed as the "WRONG ADDRESS".

3. If a person has relocated permanently, please encourage them to update their Voter Registration.
4. If you noticed NEW residents, please send them to City Hall to complete a Voter Registration Card to change their Voter information

Please mail your letter to:

Prince George's
County Board of Election
16201 Trade Zone
Avenue
Suite 108
Upper Marlboro, MD
20774-8758

If you would like to verify if your family members are still listed on the City's Voter Registration list, please feel free to contact the City Clerk for verification purposes.





Councilwoman Elenora Simms

A WORD FROM COUNCILMEMBER SIMMS

A new year is around the corner. Let's work together in the coming year to make Ward I even better. I will begin hosting Ward meetings in February and sincerely hope you will take time out of your busy schedules to meet with me and bring your ideas to improve Ward I. If you have any concerns or suggestions for the upcoming meeting, please feel free to contact me at 301-655-6559.

A WORD FROM COUNCILMEMBER KENNEDY

I would like to invite residents of Ward V to come out to the first ward meeting of the year. This is your opportunity to be informed and be a part of what is happening in the City of Seat Pleasant. The meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. At Seat Pleasant City Hall in the Council Chambers. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Hope to see you there!



Councilmember Eugene F. Kennedy

COUNCILMEMBER HIGGS RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr.

Seat Pleasant Council Member At-Large Johnie L. Higgs, Sr. was recognized by the National League of Cities (NLC) for reaching the Diamond level in its Certificate of Achievement in Leadership program. Sponsored by the National League of Cities University.

Higgs is one of the fewer than 100 NLC

members to have reached the Diamond level in the Certificate of Achievement in Leadership program since its inception. To reach the Diamond level, a local official must earn 50 credits encompassing all five core competency areas of the Certificate of Achievement in Leadership curriculum; Cornerstone, Competent Practitioner, Communicator, Collaborator and Catalyst.

Each training seminar addresses one or more of the core areas of municipal leadership, including personal leadership growth and development, effective governance, effective communications, skills in developing and promot-

ing partnerships and managing change.

NLC is committed to strengthening and promoting the leadership capacity of our nation's local elected officials. As part of the NLC mission to create stronger communities, its training program provides local officials with the professional development opportunities to assist them in promoting positive change and innovation within their communities. At the same time, seminars are designed to explore the nature and practice of local governmental leadership.

NLC's Leadership Training Council established Certificate of Achievement in Leadership program in 1999. The primary pur-

pose the program is to recognize and acknowledge excellence in leadership by NLC members.

The National League of Cities is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.



National League of Cities

WINTER WEATHER PREPARATIONS



Since winter weather has arrived, the Code Enforcement Department would like the residents to be mindful of the winter cleanup process and ordinance. Due to the unexpected weather we recently

had please remember the following:

Seat Pleasant City Code 137-33-34 Snow Removal: It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant, jointly, of every parcel of real estate adjoining a public sidewalk to keep such sidewalk adjoining such property free from snow and ice and full paved width of such sidewalk. Snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of snowfall. Sidewalks in front of commercial

establishments and commercial parking lots shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Code Enforcement Department wouldn't be able to do what it does if it wasn't for the residents. With that being said, please keep a look out for squatters living in vacant properties. Because the weather is changing and it's cold, homeless people are looking for a place to get warm. So, if you happen to notice people go-

ing into vacant houses please call the Police non-emergency number at 301-352-1200. The Police Department will also pass this information on to the Code Enforcement Department and we will try to contact the owners to properly secure the property.



A WORD FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON SNOW

As we brace for another winter season, the Public Works Department has been researching alternative snow removal and ice preventive measures. These alternatives include Home-made Brine, Ice B'Gone and De Icer.

We continue to monitor the weather on a daily basis for any winter weather advisories or warnings.

After a snow warning is issued by the County, if snow continues to accumulate the County Executive can declare a State-of-Emergency. This can

happen ANYTIME after snow has started to fall.

Please watch news stations and listen to radio stations for updates and weather advisories.

During snow emergencies we are asking residents to use their driveway for parking if they have one. If on-street parking must be used, cars must be parked on the **EVEN-NUMBERED** side of the street during snow emergency operations.

This is very important in order to allow plows to clear residential road-

ways. Plows cannot maneuver around vehicles to clear roadways. One side of the roadway must be clear of vehicles for plow drivers to effectively perform snow and ice removal services. It is also important not to dump snow back onto previously plowed roads as this also impedes snow removal efforts.

Snow emergency routes are determined if weather conditions continue to deteriorate due to snow accumulation. The City has one tractor, two pickups, and three dump trucks all equipped to spread salt and plow

snow and we have reaffirmed our relationship with our salt suppliers.

We ask that residents be patient during winter storms as snow removal involves a lot of time and effort. We also ask that as much as possible stay off the roads. This assists with snow removal efforts.



WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

In last month's newsletter, I talked about the advantages of Teen Court and mentioned another program called Community in the Court. This program promotes community awareness of what actually happens in the courtroom and there are usually different speakers to present information. The Community in the Court is held at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse in Upper Marlboro on the third Friday of every month. Stop by if you can.

Winter is here and driving can become hazardous if you're not careful. Here are three quick safety tips for driving in winter weather:

1. Don't tailgate. Tailgating often leads to

accidents, especially if you are driving in stop-and-go traffic. You may think that the driver who is doing 35 mph ahead of you on MLK is going way too slow needs a reminder of the speed limit. As a result, you may decide to ride that car's bumper and before you know it, you're in an accident. When driving, be patient and stay well behind the driver in front of you. It is important to remember that it takes a much longer distance to stop your vehicle in the snow or ice due to the reduced traction, even with just a light covering on the road.

2. Don't speed! Driving too quickly is the main cause of accidents in winter conditions. Even if

you're driving an SUV or a four-wheel-drive vehicle, you can't safely do 80 mph during a snowstorm. How you drive is one of the best ways to prevent accidents. Try to avoid abrupt accelerations and also try not to make unnecessary braking and lane changes. These maneuvers can cause your vehicle to lose traction and can launch you into an uncontrollable skid, leading to a collision. Be patient and accept the fact that it may take you longer to reach your destination.

3. Stay home. Remember, there is no shame in making the logical decision to stay in when the conditions are bad. You may be late arriving to your destination, but ar-

iving late in one piece is much better than the alternative.

Tell us at CPAC about the issues you have in your neighborhood. We will discuss your concerns with the police department and do our best to fix them or make them better. Please email your ideas, comments, concerns, and suggestions to: cpac.seatpleasant@live.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER

The City of Seat Pleasant Police Department, in partnership with our local Safeway, delivered turkeys to several families in the City of Seat Pleasant.

The City of Seat Pleasant Police Department trust that all of our residents had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. Residents are also reminded that after the holidays, they should break up all gift boxes and put them in

trash bags or deface them prior to putting them out in the trash. Criminals have been known to survey neighborhoods on trash day to get an idea of what might be inside.

The Seat Pleasant Police Department would like to wish you and yours a safe and prosperous New Year.



Police Chief Chris Cotillo and Officer Earl Ivey prepare to distribute turkeys to needy families.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SEAT PLEASANT ACTIVITY CENTER! WINTER SESSION ACTIVITIES



BALLET & TAP, PRE-SCHOOL SATURDAY

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

3-5 YRS OLD

\$20/R \$24/NR

#1284819 JAN 4TH

#1284820 FEB 1ST

BALLET, TAP & JAZZ, CHILDREN SATURDAY

10:30 AM - 12:45 PM

6-12 YRS OLD

\$60/R \$72/NR

#1284822 JAN 4TH

#1284823 FEB 1ST

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP TUESDAY

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

15 & UP

\$60/R \$72/NR

#1284831 JAN 14TH

CPR/FIRST AID ADULTS SATURDAY

10:30A.M.-3:00P.M.

16 & UP

\$70/R \$84/NR

#1373518 JAN. 2ND

#1373519 FEB. 6TH

KID'S CARE MONDAY - FRIDAY 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. 5-12 YRS OLD \$190.00/MONTH PLUS REGISTRATION FEE AUGUST - JUNE #1162665

LINE DANCE, ADULTS SATURDAY

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

\$20/R \$24 NR

#1284862 JAN. 4TH

#1284863 FEB. 1ST

PIANO, CHILDREN THURSDAY 6-12 YRS. OLD

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

\$41/R \$48 NR

#1284893 JAN. 6TH

#1284894 FEB. 6TH

PIANO, ADULTS THURSDAY 14 & UP 7:00 P.M. - 7:50 PM \$41/R \$48/NR

#1284911 JAN. 2ND

#1284912 FEB. 6TH

WOMEN'S WEIGHT TRAINING TUESDAY & THURSDAY

6:30P.M.-7:30P.M 18 & UP

\$41/R \$48/NR

#1284916 JAN. 2ND

#1284917 FEB. 4TH

ZUMBA, ADULTS MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS

7:00PM -8:00PM 18 & UP

\$41/R \$48/NR

#1284989 JAN. 6TH

#1284990 FEB. 3RD

ZUMBA, ADULTS SATURDAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 17 & UP \$20/R \$24/NR

#1284991 JAN. 6TH

#1284993 FEB. 3RD

**START THE NEW YEAR
OFF RIGHT!**



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CALL
301-773-6685**

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY WITH US!



To celebrate Black History Month, the City of Seat Pleasant has planned several activities for residents to choose from. On February 7, 2014, there will be a performance by Jasmine Guy and the Avery Sharpe Trio, *Raisin Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey* at the

Public Playhouse in Cheverly. On February 14th, there will be a tour of the Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore. There is no cost to residents but the seats are on a first come, first serve basis. On February 21st there will be a showing of *42*, the movie about Jackie Robinson and on February 28th, the movie *The Great Debaters* starring Denzel Washington will be shown. The movies will be shown at the Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department located at 6305 Addison Road in



Seat Pleasant, Maryland at 7 p.m. Residents can sign up for either of the trips (not both) by calling 301-336-2600. No sign up is required for the movies which are free and open to the public. Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent at any and all events.

We hope to see you there!

City of Seat Pleasant

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Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743



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